



## COVID-19 Planning Considerations Private Duty Nurse or Aide in School

Changes to school health and reopening procedures need to be communicated with parents, guardians, and nursing agency(s) for students returning to school with a private duty nurse (PDN) or aide. The following considerations are important for the school nurse to implement while planning and preparing for the reopening of school.

- Identify students with a PDN or aide
  - Review IHP/504/IEP or communicate with special education case manager
  - Communicate with school administration
  - Note student-teacher ratio and space limitations to *include* PDN or aide
- Review the agency contract/MOU, if applicable
  - Identify the agency nursing supervisor
  - Review agency policy or procedures regarding symptom screening of the employee
  - Review how screening information will be communicated with the school
  - Supply of medical PPE
- Communicate local school system (LSS)/school information with agency employee
  - Required facial covering in the school building and bus
  - Screening procedures of all students
  - Flow of health room
  - Procedures and location for routine care
  - Procedural and isolation location
  - Sick protocol for students and employee
  - Cleaning/disinfecting policy
  - Additional PPE considerations for safe care of student including location, storage, when and where to don/doff PPE
  - Daily check-in and/or communication with school nurse
- Plan for student specific services or care
  - Plan for maintaining physical distance requirements in classroom (e.g., note modified layouts, required equipment/supplies, consider limiting extra supplies in order to maintain spacing)
  - Plan for location of medications/treatments that could require private location or bathroom (e.g., catheterization, suctioning)
  - Plan/schedule for cleaning/disinfection per LSS/school policy